

Theater of Dimensions

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Where The Heart Is Home

(music by Marco Heubaum, Dianne van Giersbergen, Joost van den Broek / lyrics by Dianne van Giersbergen)

Thou art my shelter When sorrow calls
Thou art my unknown grave where I belong
My heart and heaven refrain from song
until I'm guided into thy bright...

Blooded lines against my ivory skin
Hear my heart still beating from within

Bridges may burn heavens might fall down
I will return I will be homebound
I'll cross the land the boundless sea to sail towards thee
Shelter of bliss saviour of my soul
You are my world you are my unknown
grave where my heart is home

Slowly sinks the blade into my chest
Lift it up to bury in your hands

With every beat away from thee
I say my rhyme and take my leave..

Bridges may burn heavens might fall down
I will return I will be homebound
I'll cross the land the boundless sea to sail towards thee
Shelter of bliss saviour of my soul
You are my world you are my unknown
grave where my heart is home

Hush be silent no tears nor tempest sighs will do
don't weep don't plead only thy bright eyes..

Once I walked with destiny but that was all in vain
now love does have a name.
Lift my beating heart out of its chest
with you it can be laid to rest.

Bridges may burn heavens might fall down
I will return I will be homebound
I'll cross the land the boundless sea to sail towards thee
Shelter of bliss saviour of my soul
You are my world you are my unknown grave where my heart is home
home where I belong.

Thou art my shelter Thou art my saviour Thou art where I belong.

(music by Marco Heubaum, Joost van den Broek / lyrics by Marco Heubaum)

Death To The Holy

See hypocrisy. In bloodred shade all wisdom raped
They feed their curse with poisoned words
And lead us to their inferno
Heed the angels' creed, their kingdoms rise built upon lies
The deaths we mourn, their lives forlorn
Feel welcome to their freak show

Oh see, the sky turning black everywhere
Our revolution is here

Follow the secret call and see through the crystal ball
The time for the Oath has come, for ending the story
Walk through the open gate, behind you the broken land
Let's all make a final stand
Death to the holy

See humanity in golden chains, but full of stains
We walk their path, deceiver's wrath
Selling all our freedom

Break the demons' wave to let us be in unity
In search of mind, all that's behind the universe and its reason

Oh see the sky turning black everywhere
Our revolution is here

Seeking the truth
Wisdom shall rule

Follow the secret call and see through the crystal ball
The time for the Oath has come, for ending the story
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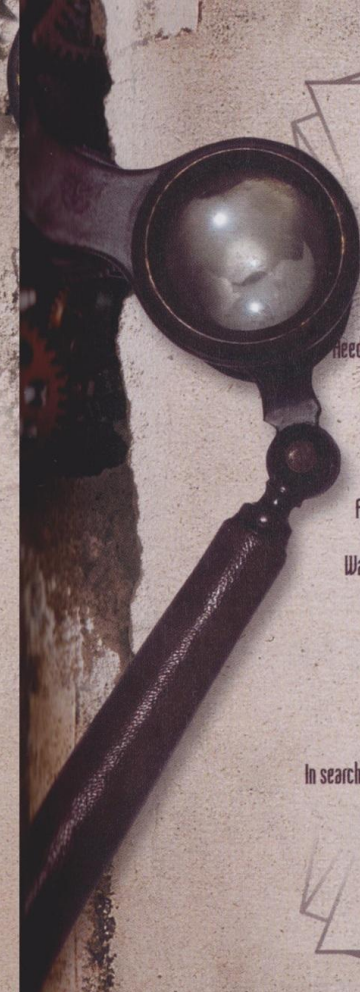
Hate, ruling, dark ages, swords falling, death rages
Greed, killing, Truth murdered, no freedom, False order
For thousands of years this plague has been ruining us.
Destroying dreams, lives, the truth. We should have learned
how to save us all.

Finding the truth
Wisdom shall rule

Finally our spell is cast, now make our freedom last
All of the rivers crossed
We won't be lonely

I'll follow you – oh crystal ball!
Oh I will walk through the open gate
Death to the holy

Once – once our time will come
We will all be one
Carry our flame to heaven
Burn forever!



Forsaken Love

(music by Marco Heubaum, Joost van den Broek / lyrics by Marco Heubaum)

Lost in heaven I'll be waiting
For our time to come
You were saving my decaying
Forsaken Love

I remember how the stars fell from your silky hands
In this autumn night, on frozen battlefields



See me now, still I hold them in my heart so deep
Reaching out to be close to our fantasy

Lost in heaven I'll be waiting for our time to come
You were saving my decaying forsaken Love

Let us walk this path to all our secret worlds
Somehow you are the one opening the doors
I will drink forbidden waters from your rose red lips
I will keep the key to let this be more than a memory

Lost in heaven I'll be waiting for our time to come
You were saving my decaying forsaken Love
Gone to heaven I'll be staying we don't need to run
You were healing my still bleeding forsaken Love

Oh you are light years away – close though distant
Still I can find you in me – your beauty radiant

In this story we're the heroes
Turn the page, let the tale unfold

Lost in heaven I'll be waiting for our time to come
You were saving my decaying forsaken Love
Gone to heaven I'll be staying we don't need to run
You were healing my still bleeding forsaken Love

Call Of Destiny

(music by Marco Heubaum, Dianne van Giersbergen, Joost van den Broek / lyrics by Dianne van Giersbergen)

Destined!
This is – predetermined, if you follow – through!
Follow through every byway follow fate on your journey.
River deep mountain high. Through daylight and darkest nights.

Though my tale starts cold and lonely
the promise that I heard coloured my world
to the – outline of a greater spectrum
where chances are revealed fate will be sealed.

Walk the path ford the stream 'till I reach my dream

This is the moment my redemption
This is the day that all the stars align I gain my momentum
Every endeavour every measure led the way to overcome and say:
I've answered to thee call of destiny

Not a course for the faint-hearted
this journey that I'm on demands my all.
I will – overthrow my tribulations
and value what they're worth let it be heard:

Gain control self-esteem 'till I reach my dream

This is the moment my redemption,
This is the day that all the stars align I gain my momentum
Every endeavour every measure led the way to overcome and say:
I've answered to thee call of destiny

Follow through every byway. Follow fate on your journey.
River deep mountain high through daylight and darkest nights

I'll walk the path every stepping stone! Oh!
I'll ford the stream! Time to live my dream!

This is the moment my redemption,
This is the day that all the stars align I gain my momentum
Every endeavour every measure led the way to overcome and say:
I am here today!

The moment's now here and mine!
My fate fulfilled and defined!
Oh call of destiny.
Call of destiny

We Are Murderers (We All)

(music by Marco Heubaum, Joost van den Broek / lyrics by Marco Heubaum)

Sign bitter sermons with your name
All the evil to be blamed
Save your soul still wanting more
From this glittering life's store
There is something in your mind
Telling you that it's no crime
As long as we go to confession

We Are Murderers! We are, we are, we all!

Bleed our sacred gods and weep
Evolution into sheep
Living in euphoric sleep
All the toys we so much need
We are playing in our ground

With a solid fence around
So our eyes can't see the horror

We Are Murderers! We are, we are, we all!

We are, we are the rulers of a burning world.
We are, we are the angels drowning deep into its - blood
Its blood

We Are Murderers! We are, we are, we all!

We are, we are the rulers of a burning world
We are, we are the angels drowning deep into its - blood
We are the ones turning all the led into our gold
There is no chance no chance of washing all this blood away
This blood

Dark Night Of The Soul

(music by Marco Heubaum, Dianne van Giersbergen, Joost van den Broek / lyrics by Dianne van Giersbergen)

Abide with me or redeem me. Fall ends winter is nigh.
With a gentle voice I'm guided
to the void where loneliness roams...

Rename me like a master from upon your bloody throne
I'll go forth here in silence and abandon my home.
In the last light of noonday I fell wilted away.
Oh mother please come save me from the dark night of the soul.

I have come to see you reviled me
reproved me with a sigh.

Now from different shores a madeup story's told
through my tears of yore...

Rename me like a master from upon your bloody throne
I'll go forth here in silence and abandon my home.
In the last light of noonday I fell, wilted away.
Oh mother please come save me from the dark night of the soul.

Oh mother please come save me from this emptiness lead me away.
Oh mother please come save me from this emptiness!
Save me now from the dark night of the soul.

When The Walls Came Down (Heartache Was Born)

(music by Marco Heubaum, Dianne van Giersbergen, Joost van den Broek / lyrics by Dianne van Giersbergen)

See me heal me lead me far from this worldly abyss
See me heal me lead me back to the emptiness of home

One step too far the story broke
inflamed no more the embers cold
Aghast at last cast down this smile
the word is out no need for high-hat lies

Wake from your secret slumber here comes the tide
There will be no salvation all is a lie
Find that the world has fooled you and left you torn
When the walls came down heartache was born

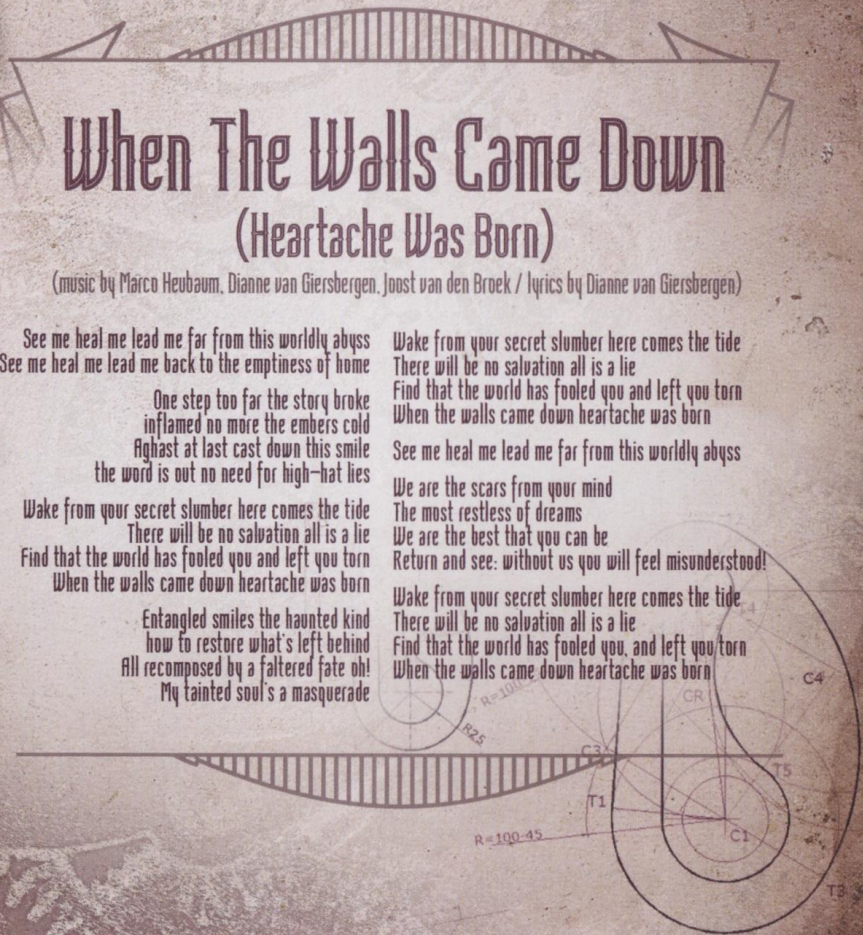
Entangled smiles the haunted kind
how to restore what's left behind
All recomposed by a faltered fate oh!
My tainted soul's a masquerade

Wake from your secret slumber here comes the tide
There will be no salvation all is a lie
Find that the world has fooled you and left you torn
When the walls came down heartache was born

See me heal me lead me far from this worldly abyss

We are the scars from your mind
The most restless of dreams
We are the best that you can be
Return and see: without us you will feel misunderstood!

Wake from your secret slumber here comes the tide
There will be no salvation all is a lie
Find that the world has fooled you, and left you torn
When the walls came down heartache was born



Ship Of Doom

(music by Marco Heubaum, Joost van den Broek / lyrics by Marco Heubaum)

We will call you all to gather
We will bring you fantasies
We are born from smoke and fire
We will sail the seven seas

One, two, three, four – can you hear the cannons roar
Five, six, seven, eight – It has been too long a wait
Nine, ten, eleven, twelve – now we need to raise some hell
So now sing with us

Oh we have come to your town with our following
To bring you light but we're gone very soon
We are the kings of a world that has never been
Oh we are bound to the ship of doom
The ship of doom!

One, two, three, four – see the hungry want some more
Five, six, seven, eight – Take it now or it's too late
Nine, ten, eleven, twelve – Soon it's time to leave this place
We will not forget

Oh we have come to your town with our following
To bring you light but we are gone very soon

We are the kings of a world that has never been
Oh we are bound to the ship of doom

Oh when the sun is down and the moon is up
Our story will be told

See the lightning, Feel the thunder, Come and fight
Take us further, Bring us closer, To the glory
Take us further, Drowning deeper, In the story

Once we're home from the storm and the seas
there is nothing we will regret

Oh we have come to your town with our following
To bring you light but we are gone very soon
We are the kings of a world that has never been
Oh we are bound to the ship of doom

When the sun is down and the moon is up
Our story will be told
Oh when they call our names and we raise our cups
We are bound to the ship of doom
Bound to the ship of doom



Céili (music by Marco Heubaum, Joost van den Broek)

Song For Sorrow And Woe

(music by Marco Heubaum, Dianne van Giersbergen, Joost van den Broek / lyrics by Dianne van Giersbergen)

The tyrant's reborn in many a form
And feasts on our unspoken word
Come break the silence and sing our song
No voice will be left unheard

Oh name him and he'll be the face to your blame

A face for your slander and scorn
He'll join his voice to our song and our game
Away with our battle and on with love

Oh guide me my eyes to weary to see my spirit withered
Oh give me strength give me the will to go on give me a voice

Burn Me

(music by Marco Heubaum, Joost van den Broek / lyrics by Marco Heubaum)

Burn me, take me to the fire
Heaven's hunting ground
Angels dancing in a wolf's lair
Never let me out

Let the play begin in dusk's embrace
I know there's something wrong in heaven
I've seen the devil sneak inside
To start the sweet intoxication
Blacken the light

It's like a black mass celebration
To twist the innocent and pure
Oh what a strange fascination
Please give me more

There's no retreat - from me
You will believe - in me
When we will light the pyre
Burn me, take me to the fire
Heaven's hunting ground
Angels dancing in a wolf's lair
Never let me out

Like waking up from a nightmare
It's all just feeling so surreal
But unknown powers force me back where
I can be free

I can finally be free and go

I've stolen the precious fruit
Forbidden, but so sweet

There's no retreat - for me
I will be lost - with you
Deep in this thunderstorm

Burn me, take me to the fire
Heaven's hunting ground
Angels dancing in a wolf's lair
Never let me out

Call me, drown me in your fire
All I want is you
Hear me say my last prayer
Never let me go

Queen Of Hearts Reborn

(music by Marco Heubaum, Dianne van Giersbergen, Joost van den Broek
lyrics by Dianne van Giersbergen)

Old as time long foretold
We all know how it ends before it has grown old
By the hand of the Queen our hearts shall be redeemed

Out for blood call the bluff on his heart for the queen
takes the lead and foresees stakes decline here tonight
play the game lead the way ready to crush and scorn
Blood will fall from her thorns for the queen is reborn

Here I am to live the tale the game is in my hands
now up the curtain goes though you won't seize or understand
The play before your eyes the fury in my mind
the score unwinding

Your house of cards will come tumbling down
Better fold or pass tonight I'm

Out for blood call the bluff on your heart I the queen
take the lead and foresee stakes decline 'cause the wild card is mine!
The wild card is mine!

How ignorant is the fool who wears the mask of a king
Who is deaf to the truth screaming from within
who so denies the world in his self-loving reign
That neither friend nor foe nor mirror could make him sane

King suicide you won't wither on your throne
let it be known tonight I am

Out for blood call the bluff on your heart I the queen
take the lead and foresee stakes decline 'cause the wild card is...
In the game on her way ready to crush and scorn
Blood will fall from my thorns call your bluff
for the queen of hearts is reborn
and the wild card is mine!

Oh let the truth be told the score before your eyes is unwinding!
Queen of Hearts reborn!

Old as time and long foretold
We all knew how it would end before it could grow old.
By the hand of the Queen our lives and hearts were redeemed
And again the truth prevails or so it seems

A Theater Of Dimensions



music by Marco Heubaum, Dianne van Giersbergen,
Joost van den Broek
lyrics by Marco Heubaum,
Dianne van Giersbergen

This is a tale about a girl living in a future world of a totally controlled society, without freedom and with all memories of better times erased by the government, which seems to originate from another dimension.

The girl is a superintelligent prodigy and her parents believe that she may be the one person who can stand up to the system and overthrow it.

When the girl grows up, she builds a time machine that allows her to travel back to the time when the rulers from the other dimension conquered her planet and to warn the people of the past about this impending threat. However, as she travels back, she is trapped by those evil creatures and abducted to their dimension. The evil overlord who rules this dimension wants to steal her time machine so that he can jump to any time he likes and make the entire universe his empire, but he realizes that the girl is the only one who can control the machine, as it is connected to her brain. He tries to brainwash her. He pushes her into a nightmare mindscape of all her dark fantasies, so he can control her while she is drowning in her fears. But his plan backfires: the girl remembers how, as a child, she overcame the demons that haunted her dreams by befriending them. She uses the same trick now and she manages to shatter her fears. Now the tables are turned: as her brain is connected to that of the evil overlord, she can take him on in a gigantic battle of the minds. She destroys his brain and emerges victorious.

But it is a hollow victory: she can never escape the overlord's dimension, as the overlord held the only key to it. Her only comfort is that although she has destroyed the path back to her own world along with the overlord, she has saved the future of her people, even though she herself can never return home, and her people will never know that she saved them. All that is left for her is to dream of this better world in which they now will live, without ever seeing this new world for herself.

Part 1 – Awakening

Father, oh father you told me to see · The world with my eyes and not just believe · So I was learning from the old books
· The wisdom of a time that no-one knows · I've seen our freedom · In the mist of time · The old signs I'll follow · For
the day of relief will be yours and mine · Mother, oh mother you told me to go · Where the sun will lead me away from the
snow · I have turned for a last goodbye · Now I do know it's my fate to try · I've seen our freedom · In the mist of
time · The old signs I'll follow · And the day of relief will be yours and mine

Part 2 – The Machine

For years I have been searching · To find the missing blueprint · In corners of my mindscape · Deep inside those shades
· The answers are a secret · Forbidden by the black kings · They keep us in this prison · Slavery is our fate · In the
dark I can see · What nobody else can see · Oh this world is a cage · How can we all ever be saved? · I'm making my
contraption · A strange machine construction · Einstein to Hawking see me · Watch me build your dream · This device
makes me go · Where nobody else could go · To the past, to warn you all · So the sword can never fall · Fly! Fly away,
fly away, fly away to the days · to the days, to the days, to the days in the haze, to the days – in the haze of time · We
all will be together again · Fly! Fly away, fly away, fly away to the days · to the days, to the days, to the days in the
haze, to the days – in the haze of time · Laying our hands on the uncertain · I'll change the world for you · We all will
be together again · Flying through space and time · Laying my hands on the uncertain · How fragile your childish
dreams · Ignorance, ha! It suits you well · No ray of light shall accompany you · For it is darkness, in which you dwell

Part 3 – A Parallel Sphere

All stars falling down · Such gold, such green, gleeful they gather · Stirring the sky like I've never seen · An emerald bee tingles my brow · Until it dissolves into a puny sea · Hear the hollow willow, hear! · Like a miser weep · Like leviathan shrieks · I fear – my delirium's here – it's here and now · Are there monsters out to get me? · Who will tame or heed their growls? · Who is mocking me, who dares to? · Show your face, come forth now! · This new world you found might seem unreal · Who is mocking me, who dares to? · Mirror to your mind and to your soul · Show your face, come forth now! · We will abduct your senses forever · We will lead you into your dark night · You will give in to all the drugs served here · You will feel like you are dreaming · Slowly you'll forget where you came from · No power left to stay strong · Yes, it's true, now you are my creature, a puppet in my theater of dimensions · The key that will unlock the entire universe to me! · Soon you will do all my bidding and you will be unable to escape this waking nightmare!

Part 4 – A battle of Minds

I'll take you down with me · And I will steal your memories · You'll never be released · And you will never live in peace · You came here you fool · And now you will serve as my tool · My demons will haunt you · And I will use your powers soon · Laughter rises from the darkness · Whispers from a smiling carcass · Creatures of your childish nightmares · Grab you with their rotten fingers · Monsters and ghosts dance with you in a labyrinth · Demons and clowns laughing loud while you're suffering · Witches delude you with their dark sorcery · Taking you down into hell's fiery kitchen · Fear, only fear · Fear is everywhere · We can see your strength is fading · In your mind, a last chance waiting · You will turn your demons back on him · I can see my strength is fading · In my mind, a last chance waiting · I will turn your demons back on you · So you want to fight · Yes, I will free my mind · No, you cannot win · Hahaha! I'm not going to give in · What is happening? · Now your creatures are with me · Oh what have you done? · Now it's you who has to run! · Oh world, bright abyss · Let us reminisce · Come down's warm embrace, all hearts will be... · Sanctified, saved and whole · Turned away from evil's toll · To free the world from its cage · Lay me down into my grave · Fly! Fly away, fly away, fly away to the days · to the days, to the days, to the days in the haze · to the days – in the haze of time · Wish we could be together again · Fly! Fly away, fly away, fly away to the days · to the days, to the days, to the days in the haze · to the days – in the haze of time · Caged in this parallel dimension · I changed the world for you · Wish we could be together again · Flying through space and time · Caged in this parallel dimension · Who dared to mock me? Oh! · I stood my ground, fierce and proud! · O let me living die! · The dark's defied, the time is nigh! · Till death does come, till death does come!

Part 5 – Home in a Dream

Children, oh children, when you'll be born · Your world will be no longer torn · I will watch you from afar · Down on our little blue star · And you'll see your freedom · In the mist of time · The old signs you'll follow · For the day of relief will be yours and mine · Finally it's yours and mine



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